(c) The Reserve Bank of India has advised all scheduled commercial banks to, *inter alia,* set up internal control systems to combat (a) obtaining of credit cards by fraudulent means at application stage; (b) misuse of lost/stolen cards and cards not received by genuine applicants. And (c) use of counterfeit and altered cards.

Kidnapping Cases

†818 SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 23504 cases of kidnapping have been registered throughout the country in 1998;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than one thousand cases of kidnapping were registered in each of the more than ten States during the year 1998; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to prevent the incidents of kidnapping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Crime India-1998 report 23504 cases of kidnapping were registered throughout the country in 1998. However, the report had published the 1997 data of Orissa due to non-availability of data on account of cyclone in Orissa. Later the Orissa state sent its 1998 data and the figures of kidnapping were revised as 23520.

(b) Yes, Sir. Ten states reported more than one thousand cases of kidnapping during the year 1998. These states are Andhra Pradesh (1175), Assam (1471), Bihar (2758), Gujarat (1421), Madhya Pradesh (1107), Maharashtra (1132), Rajasthan (3066), Tamil Nadu (1193), Uttar Pradesh (4369) and Delhi (1333).

(c) 'Public order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention for improving administration of criminal justice system.

Providing Speed Governors to Vehicles in NCT

819. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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